(b) the amount allocated by the Central Government so far in setting up this Growth Centre;

(c) whether Government propose to set up any Industrial unit near the Growth Centre; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Under the Growth Centre Scheme the growth centre approved at Hassan in Karnataka has been released full central assistance of Rs. 10 crores. The central assistance is released to the State Government to assist the State Government in creation of infrastructure development facilities, physically establish the Growth Centre and attract investment by industrial units. The Hassan Growth Centre is being implemented by the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board.

The Hassan Growth Centre has made considerable progress as per report from the State Industries Department; 1830 acres of land has been acquired, of which 655 acres has been developed and 1175 acres is under development. An expenditure of Rs. 61.08 crores has been incurred. The infrastructure development has completed Phase—I of the Project which includes internal roads, side lanes, internal power distribution lines and water supply lines, which continues to progress. In respect of water supply a capacity of 2.5 million gallons per day capacity creation is under execution from the Hemavati Reservoir. This work is in full swing. The 'Karnataka Electricity Board has been allotted 5 acres for setting up of 2x20 MVA sub-station. So far 56 industrial units have been allotted plots in the growth centre.

(c) and (d) Under the Growth Centre Scheme, the Central Government is not required to set up industrial units. The Central Government acts as a faciliator and it is for the State Government to attract investment in the industrial growth centres.

Implementation of VRS SAIL

*311. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will he Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) since when the Voluntary Retirement Scheme in steel plants under Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has been implemented;

(b) the number of officers and employees who have been benefited every year under this scheme during last five years, plant-wise;

(c) the number of officers and employees retired and the new appointments made against them in these five years; and

(d) the details of sanctioned posts abolished in these five years, plant-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Voluntary Retirement Schemes (VRS) have been implemented in the steel plants under Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) during 1986—1993, 1998-1999.

(b) The information is given in enclosed statement - I *(See* below)

(c) The information given in enclosed Statement - II (See below)

(d) In SAIL, manpower is regulated and controlled through an Annual Human Resource Budget and there is no system of sanctioned posts. However, between 1995-96 and 1999-2000 (upto 31.10.1999), the manpower has been reduced by 33247.

Statement-I

Number of Officers and Employees who have been benefited under VRS from 1995-96 to 1999-2000 (upto 31.10.1999) Plant-wise (Excluding Subsidiaries) is as follows:

	VRS 1998			VRS 1999		
SAIL PLANTS	Executive	Non-Executive	Total	Executive	Non-Executive	Total
Bhilai Steel Plant	107	1063	1170	515	2882	3397
Durgapur Steel Plant	121	1133	1254	294	2890	3184
Rourkala Steel Plant	118	1083	1201	400	2219	2619
Bokaro Steel Plant	62	846	908	241	992	1233
Alloy Steels Plant (ASP) Salem	117	473	650	298	1231	1529
Others	12	26	38	21	40	61
Grand Total	61	693	754	242	1352	1594
	658	5317	5975	2011	11606	13617

Note: There was no VRS in operation between 1995-96 and 1997-98.

Statement II

Number of officers and Employees who have retiried (Both by way of Voluntary Retirement and Natural Separations) and New Appointments made during 1995-96 to 1999-2000 (upto 31.10.1999) is as follows:

Year	Retirement		Appointment	
	Officers (A)	Employees (B)	Officers (C)	Employees (D)
1995-96	1192	6625	660	4904
1996-97	1336	7254	340	3897
1997-98	1567	9011	330	2156
1998-99	1100	6849	141	1126
1999-2000	2250	12092	12	139
Total	7445	41831	1483	12222
Grant Total	(A) + (B)	49276	(C) + (D)	13705

Note: The above figures are exclusive of Subsidiaries.

Industrialisation in Meghalaya

*312. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial units being run in the private and public sector in the State of Meghalaya as on 31st October, 1999;

(b) the total amount of capital investment made in these units in the State; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government to increase the investment in Meghalaya during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) The number of Industrial Units being run in the private and public sector in the State of Meghalaya is not centrally maintained. However,